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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )

AIZAWA et al. )

Application Number: 10/782,925 )

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For: **DISK ARRAY SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF  
AVOIDING FAILURE OF THE DISK ARRAY  
SYSTEM** )

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**LETTER**

Sir:

The below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

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| (X) | Priority Documents (1)                             |  |
| (X) | Request for Priority                               | ( ) Assignment Document  |
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

**UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

**AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of November 26, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-395322.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-395322 is being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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